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LETTER DATED 13 MAY 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALI TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the communiqué issued by the Government of Mali on 9 May 1999 concerning the situation in Guinea-Bissau (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Communiqué issued on 9 May 1999 by the Government of Mali concerning the situation in Guinea-Bissau

The Government of Mali expresses its deep concern at the situation in Guinea-Bissau and condemns the outbreak of hostilities that has occurred, interrupting the peace process that has been under way for several months.

Having consistently advocated a peaceful settlement of the crisis through dialogue, the Government of Mali demands that the provisions of the Abuja Agreement of 1 November 1998 and the additional protocol signed at Lomé on 15 December 1998, provisions that guarantee peace and democracy for Guinea-Bissau, be respected.

The Government of Mali calls for this political agreement and the process of national reconciliation set out therein to be implemented so that a free and democratic general election can be held in Guinea-Bissau in accordance with the Constitution.